



Shoreline Development at Carters Lake

Oakman, Ga.—Carters Lake was completed by the US Army, Corps of Engineers, in 1975, and is operated by the Mobile District of the Corps. Because it is included under Title 36, Chapter III, Code of Federal Regulations, no permits will be issued for boat docks, removal of vegetation, or shoreline alteration of any kind.

This regulation is the authority by which the Corps of Engineers controls developments of shoreline on its projects nationwide. It provides that private, exclusive use of lakeshore will not be permitted at new lakes or on lakes where private facilities or uses existed as of the date of the regulation (December 1974).

The United States Government owns a minimum of 300 feet from the water's edge at all locations on the lake and an average of 100 feet on the re-regulation pool. Trees marked with red paint indicate the property line. This land is for general public use, and adjacent landowners have no special privileges.

At other Corps projects in North Georgia, private exclusive uses existed prior to the date of the regulation. At these lakes, continuation of private exclusive use is permitted to protect private investments and to honor commitments that might have been made before the regulation became effective.

Private exclusive use is discouraged nationwide because of the philosophy that public lands should be managed to maximize service to the general public and limit sustained privileged occupation of them. In keeping with this philosophy, the Corps does not deny any member of the public access to recreational opportunities along the shorelines and on Government land around Corps projects. Pedestrian access through Government land around Corps projects is not discouraged. However, the public will only be permitted to enter parks and marinas through established entrances.

The Visitor Center located at the Resource Manager's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until 5:00 p.m. or may be reached by telephone, 706/334-2248. A Corps representative will be available to answer any questions regarding opportunities available at Carters Lake.